

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

March 29, 2011

**STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN GOVERNANCE OF THE COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is a critical resource within the County of Los Angeles. LACOE is the nation's largest regional education agency and provides mandatory and discretionary services to approximately two million students within the 80 school districts in the County of Los Angeles. LACOE operates the nation's largest Head Start program, serving 22 delegate agencies and 22,000 children. In addition, LACOE, working in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, is responsible for educating approximately 2,000 minors in 3 juvenile halls and 19 camps. LACOE is uniquely interconnected with the services that the County of Los Angeles provides to its residents.

The Board of Supervisors appoints the seven members of the Los Angeles County Board of Education. Additionally, Article IV, Section 14 of the County Charter authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appoint the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools. Upon appointment of the County Superintendent of Schools, the Board of

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Supervisors does not retain authority over the County Superintendent of Schools, who is required to report to the Board of Education.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with the County Counsel, to evaluate the current ordinance pertaining to the appointment of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, including but not limited to the provisions mentioned herein, and make recommendations on amending the ordinance to establish a governance structure consistent with contemporary human resources management and personnel policies, and report back to the Board within 45 days.

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